

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under Secretary for Industry and Security Washington, DC 20230

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The Honorable Michael D. Crapo Chairman, Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Section 906 of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSRA), codified at 22 USC §§ 7201-7211, requires the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) to report to the Congress on certain activities undertaken by BIS relating to exports and reexports of agricultural commodities to Cuba from April 1 through June 30, 2020.

During the reporting period, BIS processed 11 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR) for exports and reexports to Cuba. BIS approved 9 notifications within an average of six days. Two notifications were denied in seven days and converted into standard license applications for further processing because the items were not eligible for the license exception.

In addition to the aforementioned notifications, BIS approved three standard license applications for the export of AGR-eligible commodities to Cuba within 16 days. BIS also processed an additional four standard license applications for AGR-eligible commodities by returning them without action, at the request of the applicants, to be resubmitted as AGR notifications.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Michael Cys, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs for the Bureau of Industry and Security, at (202) 482-1069.

Sincerely,

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